



IVON S. PREBLE
Takes Over Vice-Presidency

Photo early 1950s



Ivon Preble MMR

Photo September 1966

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In 1946 he joined the NMRA and the Northeastern Region in the following year.

In 1949 and 1950 he served as NER Vice President and as President in 1951-1952. In 1953 he became NMRA Vice President, serving for two years in that capacity, and then assumed the President's office for the years 1955 and 1956.

In 1958 he served as NMRA Nominating Committee Chairman, and assumed those duties again for the year 1962. In 1963 he was appointed NMRA Personnel Director; he has developed this important assignment to its present high degree of effectiveness.

In addition to the assignments mentioned above, he has also served on various other NMRA and NER committees since 1958, currently being Chairman of the NER Election Method Study Committee.

In 1964 he achieved Master Model Railroader status.

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VP Reports on Member Drive

To All NMRA Members:

In last month's BULLETIN we told you of the details of the four-month contest for new members, and gave you the rules, which will be repeated in each BULLETIN for the duration of the contest.

This month we will try to anticipate and answer some possible questions.

First of all, family memberships will *not* be counted except the regular \$3 one for the head of the family. This was supposed to have been included in Rule 4 but was inadvertently omitted last month.

If one of your prospects did at one time belong to NMRA, he will still be considered as a new member if he did not belong to NMRA during either 1952 or 1953. If he held a membership card in either of these years he cannot be counted as a new member.

Send in your applications, with the \$3 for each member, as fast as they are signed. This will help the office at Can-

ton and give the new member a chance to get in on the contest, too.

If a club holds an NMRA card in its own name, the club has the same contest rights as an individual.

Hobby shops and dealers are all receiving their information by letter rather than through THE BULLETIN, since all do not receive THE BULLETIN. However, results of the hobby shop-dealer part of the contest will be published in THE BULLETIN along with the membership results.

That's about it for this month, fellows, and I hope that you get so many new members that we will have to issue a special edition of THE BULLETIN just to announce the winners.

Remember, the door is always open and I'll answer any question or give you any help I can.

Let's make it a big success.

Cordially,
Ivon S. Preble

BELOW IS AUGUST 1957

President's Message

The time has come for me to turn over the N.M.R.A. throttle to my successor, following two years of activity as your President. It has been an enlightening experience, some work, some fun, some achievements, and some disappointments, but through it all, a feeling of friendship and companionship within the N.M.R.A. membership at all times.

It has greatly impressed me that in a hobby such as ours, with its diversification of activities and interests, the wide variation in the personalities involved and the geographic limitations that make personal contacts impossible for the great majority, we can be successful in maintaining a "common ground" meeting place for all interested in the hobby of Model Railroading. It is a truly fine example of democracy,

the more impressive because it is entirely voluntary.

During the past two years we have been able to increase the unity of N.M.R.A. members, and have established much firmer relations with the hobby industry. Much research has been done on Data Sheets and Standards and from this during the coming year will come still further refinement of Standards, Recommended Practices, and Data Sheets. This, in turn, will provide better equipment for the members, better relations with the industry, and better, more enjoyable model railroading for all.

The future of N.M.R.A. and the model railroading hobby has never looked brighter, and although I am winding up eight years of office holding with this message, I'll still be active in the hobby and will continue to assist in any way possible.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of the fellows that have helped make the past two years successful, enjoyable, and interesting. They are a fine group and I hope that we shall have many more like them in the years ahead.

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